

6 UNIFIL soldiers hurt in clashes with PLO

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies
The UN has complained to the Palestine Liberation Organization about attacks in which six members of the peace-keeping force in Lebanon were wounded and at least one terrorist was killed.

U.S. warning on support for Haddad

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Israel's support for Major Sa'ad Haddad's Christian militia in Southern Lebanon was yesterday once again sharply criticized by the U.S.

Instead of new initiative at UN Washington to push for quick progress in autonomy talks

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Moving to shore up U.S. policy in the Middle East, President Jimmy Carter and his senior advisers have agreed to make the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on Palestinian autonomy the major focus of their peace efforts in the coming months.

U.S. envoy that Israel, Egypt and the U.S. were "partners" in the peace process and it made no sense for one side to take unilateral actions, unacceptable to the others.

Dayan to U.S. next month to address UN General Assembly

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Diplomatic Reporter
Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan will address the UN General Assembly on September 27, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

Accord on higher pay next month

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The government and the Histadrut yesterday agreed that all employees will get higher pay in September and pay less income tax.



King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chief Yasser Arafat face each other during their talks on Tuesday on Jordanian-PLO cooperation.

Jordan to free 75 Palestinians

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Jordan has agreed to release 75 Palestinian prisoners, Palestinian sources said here yesterday.

Strauss calls for movement, 'not debate' over autonomy

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Special U.S. Middle East Ambassador Robert Strauss yesterday predicted that there "will never be a time as crucial as now, in my judgement, to show the world that Egypt and Israel can indeed begin to come together on the Palestinian autonomy negotiations."

Kurds hold Mahabad as Iran readies air attack

TEHRAN (Reuter). — Kurdish rebels yesterday deployed tanks and anti-aircraft batteries in their mountain stronghold of Mahabad, and an Iranian army commander said he was ready to chase them into neighbouring Iraq if ordered to do so.

Begin tells Katz he opposes West Bank expropriations

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday that he opposed expropriation of privately owned Arab land to enlarge Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

Butros Ghali in Post interview Egypt considers Israel view on UN resolution

By AMI RATH
CAIRO. — Egypt, unwilling to create new obstacles, is taking Israel's point of view into consideration when deciding what position to adopt regarding a new UN Security Council resolution recognizing Palestinian rights.

Elections ordered in India

NEW DELHI (AP). — President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy yesterday dismissed parliament and ordered a national election for December to pull India out of the current political crisis.

Only strong leadership can put economy on right path

The eight more or less agreed, although with different degrees of emphasis, on several things:
It will take a strong leadership to guide Israel out of the present situation, which is fraught with economic dangers.

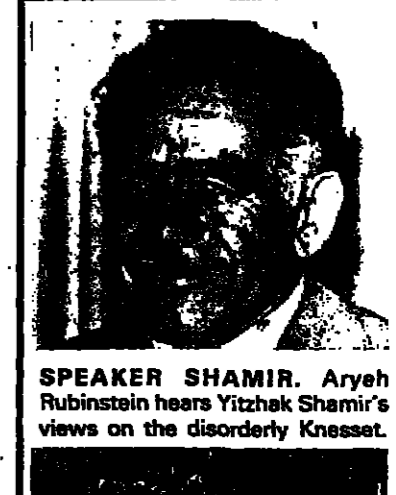
A commercial bank in the U.S. would decide that it could make more money (banks are in business to make money, being a public service is only a sideline) by lending its money to some company or some country other than Israel.

U.S. labour sec'y due Saturday

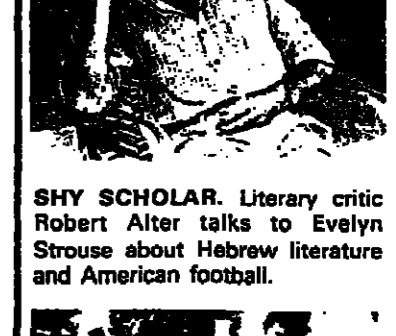
By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
U.S. Secretary of Labour Ray Marshall is scheduled to arrive in Israel on Saturday night for a weeklong visit as the guest of Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Israel Katz.

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Tougher tax advances for the self-employed

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Self-employed persons will have less of a good deal from the income tax inflation compared to salaried workers under the terms of regulations issued by the Treasury.

If a self-employed person's tax assessment is based on earnings of 1978 he will have to pay 500 per cent of that sum in advances throughout the year before the final assessment and payment for fiscal year 1978-79.

Chief Rabbis lock halachic horns Goren 'shocked' by Yosef's view on giving up territory

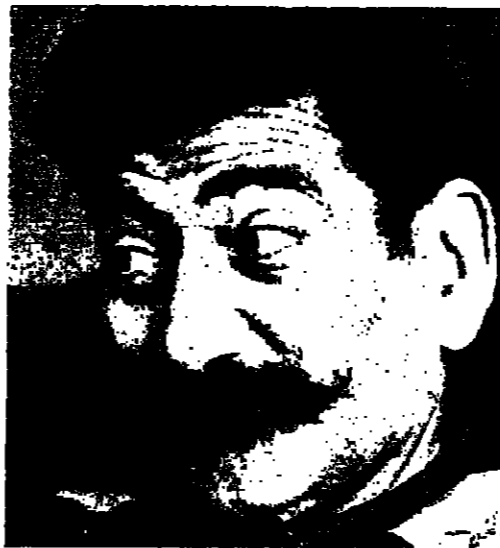
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren yesterday said he was "shocked" by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's halachic ruling that territories taken by Israel in war can be handed over to the Arabs in exchange for a true peace.

Yosef yesterday clarified his earlier words, and said that he had issued his ruling without being asked for his view by the cabinet or the premier. He added that it was "unfortunate" that such a request was not issued to him.

Gaza's IDF governor bids farewell to Strip

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA — Outgoing Gaza military governor Tat-Aluf Yosef Castel yesterday expressed concern for the political future of Gaza, but said the situation in the Strip is more amenable to the autonomy plan than is the strife-torn West Bank.



Tat-Aluf Yosef Castel

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has come under fire from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which is responsible for services in the camps, and radical Palestinians object to any tampering with the status of the 200,000 refugees in Gaza.

Because of the success of the Sheikh Radwan project, Castel says he was able to muster up another IL15m. beyond the IL60m. allocated last year for refugee housing.

"We want the Gazans to know that the government will extend social services to the best of its ability," said the military administrator who issued strict orders to all government branches to spend their budgets wisely and fully.

Another success story, he noted with pride, is the Beduin "moshav" Daniya, near Rafiah. Over 70 Beduin families were each allocated six dunam of land and low-cost housing loans to set up what most observers feel is a showcase nomad settlement. In the congested Gaza Strip, it is unlikely that such experiments can be repeated, but the Daniya example has been cited by supporters of Beduin rights as one solution for the festering problem of land expropriation in the Negev.

Castel, who is going next to the IDF Military College, would not venture any predictions as to what the future of Gaza will be. Some observers see the assassination by Palestinian radicals of Sheikh Hasham Husseidar, the Imam of Gaza and vocal supporter of the peace treaty, as clearly damaging the chances of eliciting local leaders to participate in the proposed autonomy council.

But Castel does not agree. "We will find others to come forward, once they understand what autonomy means," he stated confidently. One of the first changes slated for the government is the proposed relocation of the headquarters, a large British-built compound on Omar al-Mukhtar Avenue, to a rural site on the strip, as reportedly agreed upon by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. But so far no orders have been issued to the governor for the relocation of the military headquarters.

U.S. REPEATS

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Thousands in recent months.
After pointing out that Israeli aircraft had hit "targets" in Lebanon on August 20, the spokesman said pointedly that "this terrible human tragedy" is measured in the innocent lives lost.

No police action yet in Haifa robbery spree

By MARY HIRSCHFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Despite police assurances that the "matter is being taken care of," robberies have not stopped at the Beit Sira apartment house, with some \$5,000 in cash stolen from the Rehov Rehov building during the past few days.

Hit plans for Haifa Arch for Sadat visit

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Some Haifa residents have begun expressing opposition to a city hall plan to welcome Egyptian President Anwar Sadat with a decorative arch when he arrives for his state visit on September 4.

his previous two visits. It's just going to be decorative and pleasant," Ginzman said. Also, the costs would be minimal, a few thousand pounds, he added.

Begin wishes Moslems a happy Id al-Fitr

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday sent greetings to Israel's Moslem community on the occasion of the three-day Id al-Fitr feast, which begins today and marks the end of the month-long Ramadan fast.

Tiberias bomb suspect found and arrested in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A Jordanian man accused of terrorism that caused two deaths in Israel surrendered on Tuesday to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation at its Chicago office, an FBI spokesman said.

District Court was delayed until yesterday to allow the court time to find an interpreter. Eain's attorney Omar Najib, who accompanied Eain on Tuesday, explained that his client speaks only Arabic.

TA teacher held as suspect in restaurant grenade case

By YOHAM RAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A 42-year-old mathematics teacher from Tel Aviv's Rehov Hayarkon is suspected of throwing a grenade into the yard of a restaurant near his home because of a quarrel between tenants and business owners.

Sanctions hold up unloading of boilers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Unloading of four large boiler drums for the new Hadera power station has been delayed by the job sanctions which the Electric Corporation staff is continuing despite a Labour Court order. The delay is causing tens of thousands of dollars of damage in Haifa port.

Protest over deduction of taxes

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Interior Ministry has sent a sharply-worded letter of protest to the Treasury for deducting taxes from funds allocated to local authorities.

law, and contrary to a specific agreement reached between Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich. He also added that the local authorities had not been given any advance warning of the intended tax deduction, resulting in considerable financial difficulties. In certain instances funds had been deducted from local authorities that did not owe them or in excess of what was owed.

New office to help immigrant soldiers

A new office that will centralize the handling of all immigrant soldiers' problems has been opened by the Absorption Ministry, the ministry spokesman said yesterday.

between government offices. It will concentrate on explaining to immigrant soldiers what their rights are; keeping in touch with them as they go through army service; and making their superiors more aware of the special problems that confront immigrant soldiers.

Ofira Navon better; tumour was localized

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The President's wife Ofira Navon spent a restful day at Tel Hashomer Hospital yesterday and is expected to be released shortly.

Haifa Port suspends double luggage check

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Port authorities yesterday suspended their double check of incoming passengers' luggage, which had caused great discomfort and inconvenience to the arrivals.

Advertisement for Santa Katarina Monastery (Mount Sinai) featuring a photo of the monastery and text: "Just one hour away from you Inclusive one-day tour".

Advertisement for Oneq Shabbat featuring a photo of a menorah and text: "HEBREW UNION COLLEGE JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION 13 Rehov Hamelech David, Jerusalem Friday, August 24, 1978, 8.30 p.m. JEWS, BLACKS AND THE PALESTINIANS Professor Murray Friedman American Jewish Committee THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND"

Advertisement for The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra featuring a photo of Zubin Mehta and text: "FOUNDED BY Bronislaw Huberman MUSIC DIRECTOR: Zubin Mehta 44th SEASON * 1979-80 ZUBIN MEHTA: 10th anniversary as Music Director".

Advertisement for a lottery: "total prize fund IL11,732,000 first prize IL2,000,000 mifal hapayis"

Syria asks for extradition of Mohsen killing suspect

BEKNE (Reuters) — Syria has announced it will ask for the extradition from Switzerland of a young Lebanese suspected of assassinating Saika terrorist head Zuhair Mohsen. The Swiss Justice and Police Ministry said yesterday.

Ipswich blanks Arsenal

LONDON (Reuter). — Arsenal, the English FA cup winners, who began their league programme with a 4-0 win at Brighton on Saturday, crashed 2-0 at home to Ipswich on Tuesday night. A first half goal by Irish centre-back Allan Hunter and one later by Dutch midfielder star Arnold Muhren settled the points. Ipswich beat Arsenal in the cup final 15 months ago but the London club returned to Wembley to triumph a year later. Middlesbrough, who scored a 3-1 win in London over Tottenham three days ago, underlined their form by beating Manchester City 3-0 Tuesday. Australian youngster Craig Johnston gave them a halftime lead. Later Micky Burns and Stan Cummins added to the misery of the Manchester team, expensively remodelled in the summer by manager Malcolm Allison. European cup holders Liverpool, last to go into action in the First Division, played a goalless draw with fellow Lancastrian Bolton, disappointing a crowd of almost 46,000 by their failure to score. They had to reshuffle their side after losing England defender Phil Neal with concussion in 20 minutes. In Glasgow, the Rangers kicked off the new European soccer season when they played host to Norway's Lillestrom in the preliminary round of the Cup Winners' Cup Tuesday night. The Scots won 1-0. European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round Rangers (Scotland) 1 Lillestrom (Norway) 0 English Football League Cup first round second leg. Brentford 1 Southend United 4 (Southend won 2-2 on aggregate) Division One Arsenal 0 Ipswich Town 2 Coventry City 0 Ipswich City 1 Crystal Palace 0 Southampton 0 Liverpool 0 Bolton Wanderers 0 Middlesbrough 2 Manchester City 0 Scottish League cup first round Albion Rovers 0 East Stirling 0 English Division Two Bristol Rovers 1 Luton Town 2 Burnley 1 Charlton Athletic 1 Cambridge United 1 Leicester City 1 Oldham Athletic 2 Wrexham 3 Preston North End 1 Newcastle United 0 Haverhill Town 1 North Coast 1 Watford Town 0 Swansea City 0



THE SPURS...

The English Football League got off the ground last Saturday. Tottenham Hotspur's Argentine attacker Osvaldo Ardiles (left) and striker Mark Faldo go up in the air with Middlesbrough's Irvin Natras and John Oranga (right) during an attack on Middlesbrough's goal. Middlesbrough won the Division One game at White Hart Lane 3-1. (UPI/telephoto)

East Germans win cycling competition

VALKENBURG, Netherlands (AP). — Four East German students defeated the world's top amateur cyclists by more than two minutes yesterday to win the 100 kilometre team time trial, first event in the World Road Racing Championships. The team of Falk Boden, Andreas Petermann, Bernd Drogan and Hans-Joachim Hartnick, covered the 100 kilometres of the Heerlen-Maastricht highway in one hour 58 minutes 29 seconds to win East Germany's first world time trial title. Poland was second in 2 hours and 35 seconds with Norway third in 2 hours and 43 seconds. The Soviet Union was fourth with Sweden fifth and a defending champion, Netherlands in sixth place. The East Germans averaged 50.64 kilometres per hour.

Orioles stumped by Ranger pitcher 2-1

NEW YORK (AP). — Steve Comer, with eighth-inning relief help from Jim Kern, continued his mastery over the Baltimore Orioles while pitching the Texas Rangers to a 2-1 victory on home runs by Buddy Bell and Richie Zisk on Tuesday night. Bell connected for his 18th homer, a career high, in the second off Dennis Martinez, who had his 18th homer snapped a 1-1 tie in the sixth. Comer has beaten the Orioles three times without a loss this season, and over the last two years has allowed Baltimore 20 hits and two earned runs in 58 innings. Comer, who gave up five hits, was lifted in the eighth after a two-out overthrown by third baseman Bell on a grounder by Eddie Murray. Kern, who recorded his 21st save in his 58th appearance, struck out Doug Decinces, who singled to drive in Baltimore's run in the fourth.

with a single and double, banking the four-hit pitching by Pete Falcone and helping the New York Mets map a four-game losing streak with a 5-0 triumph over the Houston Astros. Gary Matthews hit his 28th home run of the season with two out in the seventh inning to give the Atlanta Braves a 3-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Ron Cey's three-run homer followed by Dusty Baker's solo blast powered the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-3 decision over Chicago, snapping the Cubs' six-game winning streak. Kurt Bevacqua singled home Paul Dade in the 11th inning to give the San Diego Padres a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in a rain-interrupted contest. Sixto Lescano lined a two-run homer and an RBI double, and Paul Molitor had four hits and three runs

batted in, powering Milwaukee to a 3-5 victory over Chicago in the second game of their double-header. In other AL action, rookie right-hander Brian Kingman fired a three-hitter and Jeff Newman belted a three-run homer as the Oakland A's crushed the Detroit Tigers 8-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes Pittsburgh, Montreal, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, Houston, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Atlanta.



John Erikson of Chicago is taken out of the water on Monday after he failed in his attempt to swim the English Channel three times. Erikson, 22, was pulled out about 10 kilometres from completing his goal. The channel is 33 kilometres across at its narrowest point. (AP/telephoto)

Czechs win easily in Int'l Cup basketball

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (Reuter). — Czechoslovakia surprised Puerto Rico with a potent offense taking control late in the first half en route to a 101-94 International Cup basketball victory here on Tuesday night. Led by 2.08-metre forward Stanislav Kropalik with 33 points, 19 of which came in the first half, the Czechs, fresh from a three-game sweep of Mexico, broke up a tight game by scoring that final 13 points of the first half to take a safe 62-59 cushion into intermission. Kropalik and Jiri Fospil scored at will over the smaller hosts who opened tournament play here Saturday by easily defeating Israel.

Cricket rained out

MANCHESTER, England (AP). — Rain cost the Indian cricket team another day's play yesterday. The famous old Trafford Ground at Manchester was saturated. The Indians lost two whole days of the third test match with England at Leeds, which ended in a draw on Tuesday. The final test begins at Kennington Oval Thursday next week.

Wrestling

WRESTLING. — Olympic champion Shamil Serikov of the Soviet Union won first and second round matches on Tuesday in the Greco-Roman competition in the eight-day world wrestling championships opened in San Diego. Serikov, 23, defeated California's Dan Gable in the first round and then the defending champion, Gable, in the second round. Serikov's victory was a surprise as Gable is the defending world champion and has won the world title in 1977 and 1978.

Advertisement for Beit Halachmi, a gift shop. Text: 'the gifted shop an abundant variety of exclusive fine gifts from all over the world to satisfy every taste; our own-crafted exquisite gold jewelry. Beit Halachmi 33 Pines Street Tel Aviv'.

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Advertisement for 'FIRST AID' listing various first aid services.

Large advertisement for 'GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS' with a graphic of a soldier and a lift.

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Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i tells The Post's DAVID KRIVINE about his plans to conserve energy and save the economy.

NO SHORTAGE OF PLANS

Talks that don't move

ALL IS NOT WELL in the developing relationship under the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. Some of this is evidenced in the friction over the gradual opening up of the frontier...

WE START with political indiscretions. Is it true that Energy, Communications and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i told Israeli newsmen during a helicopter flight between Cairo and Alexandria that Egypt's Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil does not get on with Dr. Yosef Burg, chief of Israel's team at the autonomy talks?

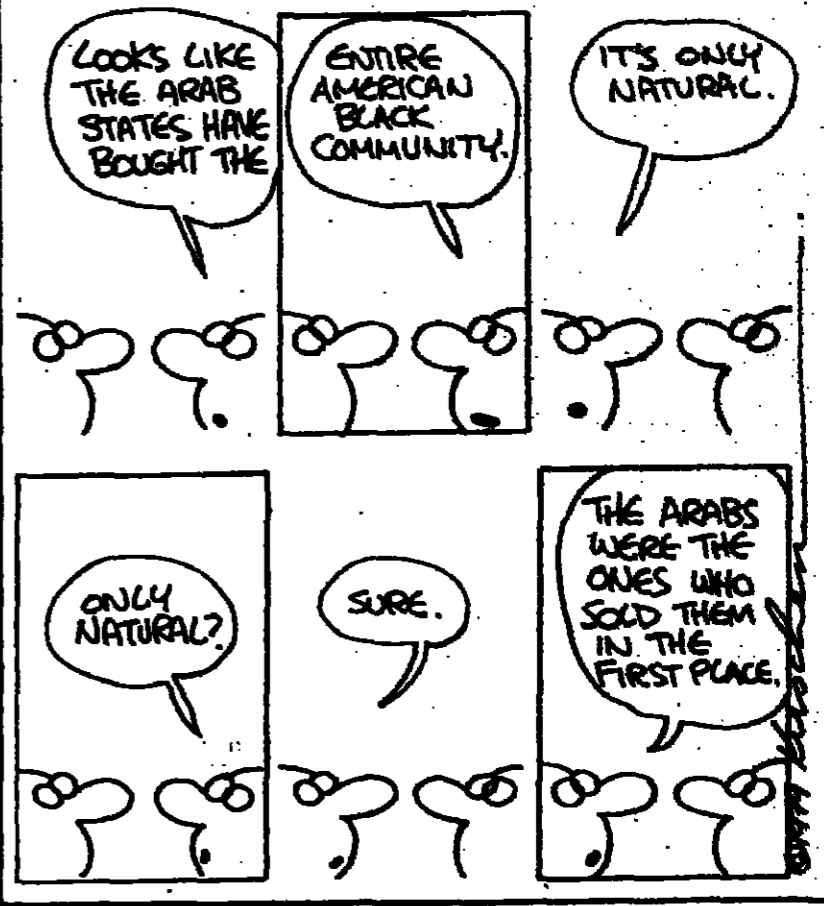


Yitzhak Moda'i 'Changes are needed, and right now, not in two months' time. A start has to be made...

'Incorrect,' says Moda'i. 'One of the journalists had told me that there was a personality crisis between the two sides, and had suggested that I verify this. I had a long session with Khalil. It took place earlier this month, when Moda'i was conducting his own negotiations over oil supplies. We spoke about economic subjects, but politics crept in, too; and yes, we spoke about the personalities involved in the autonomy discussions. Which is what I told the journalists. Khalil did not say there was a crisis, or any clash at the individual level. Nor did I communicate any such information to my colleagues in the helicopter.'

supplier for Israel, is also expanding coal extraction. As oil prices rise, coal mining becomes more economic — and the world's coal reserves are much greater than its oil reserves. But Israel has no coal. Why do we not build a nuclear power station? 'There is the problem of siting it. An atomic plant needs a vast amount of water for cooling, and it must be located away from population centres.' There is talk of building a canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea, but he does not mention that. The plant could be sited, I remind him, in the Negev somewhere along the banks of the proposed waterway. He nods, but adds no information. Are there not political difficulties? Does the U.S. not require inspection rights as a condition of supplying uranium? Moda'i remains studiously vague. 'The political problem is the state of dependency engendered. Today the talk is about the right to inspect power stations, tomorrow it could be about the right to inspect Judea and Samaria,' he says. ISRAEL is busy — not saving energy, but planning to save it. A committee of directors-general was appointed by the Ministerial Economic Committee in July, 1978. It made its recommendations six months ago, in February. Moda'i submitted his proposals to the relevant cabinet committee in April. A good many have been approved since then — but none has been applied so far. No carless days yet; no higher tax on the bigger models that consume a lot of petrol; no reduced street lighting. There is an absurdity in these delays. Not only do they postpone the time when energy is saved, they encourage speculation. Large advertisements beseech the public to buy big cars 'before their price is raised by tens of thousands of pounds.' (Latest statistics reveal that the import of cars in the first quarter of the present year was more than double the purchases made quarterly in the years 1976, 1978 and 1977.) The delays cannot be helped. The Likud coalition is not a government of quick decisions: he does not deny the charge. But approval has at least been given. Now the regulations are being drafted, and not only about cars. It is intended to make solar heaters mandatory on all new housing; to terminate the practice of collective water meters for an entire block of flats (each household will have its own meter); to permit each apartment to break away from the common hot-water system and cut itself off from the common boiler (presumably with a view to sub-

Dry Bones



stinting a solar-heating device). These regulations — about cars, street lighting, shop lighting (only fluorescent, and not after midnight), domestic heating — will come into force 'during the next 90 days,' the ministry spokesman interjects. More important, says Moda'i, are the savings planned for industry and public buildings. Some factories have already cut their fuel use by as much as 25 per cent, he asserts. Inspectors will scan supermarkets, schools, cinemas. The will be made of existing security officers and perhaps members of the civil guard (mishmar ezrai), who will be trained to take on this additional task. WE TURN TO the mess that this government has made of economic policy. What about the Liberal Party's demand for a new start? 'We agreed that the leaders [the four Liberal cabinet ministers] would draw up a plan for restoring the country to economic health. They will have to report to the party's executive within 90 days on what they have done.' What will they have done within 90 days? 'Nothing,' he says, simply. 'The prime minister makes the decisions.' The inference is that Begin should cut through the conflict of interest between the different ministers and make up his mind what policy should be adopted. 'Plans are not lacking. There must be 50 which are obsolete by now. We have 10 fresh ones to replace them. I have two in my dispatch-case right now, neither of them authored by me. 'I produced a blueprint of my own nine months ago. I told my fellow ministers at the time what would happen if no plan were adopted — and my predictions were borne out. I produced another scheme three weeks ago.' In it he advocates cutting social services and development projects, though not welfare payments to individuals, cutting subsidies (gradually), cutting credit, limiting middlemen's profits by legislation, and restoring a measure of foreign-currency control. In the longer term he wants to accelerate the sale of government assets to the private sector, increase the tax on service undertakings and lower it on productive undertakings, introduce compulsory arbitration in essential facilities, and make sure that wages keep up with the cost-of-living index. How big a budget cut does he contemplate? He does not hesitate: 'We have to take off 12.7%. The detailed calculations are in a separate paper.' It is more than the I.L.S. that Finance Minister Ehrlich was asking for, and would gratify even the leading advocates of deflation in the economic leadership, governor of the central bank Arnon Gafny. TWO YEARS have passed since the present government was elected. Inflation has got out of hand, and the trade deficit gaps wider than before. Moda'i — who was the first to sound the alarm (he called Ehrlich's policy 'a flop' nine months ago) — is quick to spot the challenge. 'You think that is bad; I know it is. Perhaps on account of the present constellation of circumstances, something will move at last. 'Changes are needed, and right now, not in two months' time. A start has to be made. I hope the new initiative we are all waiting for will be made known before the coming High Holydays,' he said.

READERS' LETTERS

HAARETZ MUSEUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have just visited the Haaretz Museum in Tel Aviv. I was very impressed by the beautiful surroundings and the way the objects are displayed in the different pavilions. My only disappointment was the Museum of Science and Technology, which was of special interest to me. It is housed in two old barracks. These look neglected and their interior is very depressing. For instance, some pictures of the landing on the moon and others of satellites are in bad condition and should be replaced. Many of the model airplanes and other objects in the display cases are damaged. In the courtyard, there is a real plane with large pieces missing, and the same applied to the life-size model of a space module. Both of them are covered with dust and rust and look more like pieces of junk than exhibits. Inside the huts, the heat is oppressive. In the aeronautics pavilion, few windows can be opened and there is only one ventilator in a corner. In the mathematics and physics pavilion, there is no ventilator at all and no window can be opened. There is a very good lecturer whose explanations are excellent. But it is painful to see how she perspires and is exhausted by the intense heat, which affects her audience too. I understand that more than 9000

RESOLUTION 242

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The headline of your editorial of August 17 was definitely right in stating that 'Young is not the issue.' The real issue today is Israel's rigid, mistaken and unrealistic attitude towards UN Resolution 242 of November 1947. Whether we like it or not, since the acceptance of that resolution some 13 years ago, the case of Palestinian national identity has become an undeniable component of any comprehensive and realistic settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict in international political public opinion. So much so that even Israel's representatives to Camp David last year were compelled to officially acknowledge the existence of 'legitimate Palestinian rights and interests' which, in 1978, simply cannot be limited any more to refugee or other humanitarian aspects. We Zionists strongly ob-

SABBATICAL YEAR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It is most disturbing to see how the history of Eretz Yisrael is distorted. I refer to Judy Segal's article regarding the Shmita year in your issue of August 7. The question of using the soil during the Shmita (sabbatical) year became a problem with the establishment of agricultural settlements by Jews in Eretz Yisrael last century. During the Shmita in 1889, the Ashkenazi rabbis refused to grant permission to cultivate the land and properly attend to livestock. It befell Sephardi Rabbi Jacob Shaul Eliachar and Rabbi Eliphenson to overcome the objections of Rabbis Salant, Diskin and others and issue a decree (gush halacha) authorizing the cultivation of the land and proper care of the livestock. RABBI LEVI

COMPENSATION IN YAMIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am writing to you in reference to your editorial of August 13, in which you point out that the new-found ILAB, gained from the removal of subsidies on basic goods is about equal to the amount the Yamit region settlers are claiming as compensation. The firm has come to stop accusing the people of Yamit of draining the Israeli treasury and to stop turning the citizens of Israel against us. Your energies should be directed towards the real culprit, the Government of Israel, for wasting billions of pounds on building a city that is now being given to the Egyptians free of charge. If the Israeli Government had received compensation for Yamit, then the Israeli treasury would not be in jeopardy of bankruptcy over this issue. Money would then be available to compensate the people of our region and your editorials against the so-called money-suckers of Yamit would then cease. I believe that your editorials in the future concerning our region should direct Israel to keep all developed areas in the Sinai until full compensation is made for all investments. Remember, the money spent in Yamit and the rest of Sinai was taxpayers' money. CHAIM FEIBEL Yamit.

CECIL BOTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am preparing a memoir of my husband, the late Professor Cecil Roth, and would like to receive letters, personal reminiscences, etc. I may be contacted at the King David Hotel until September 12 and after that at 85 Central Park West, New York. IRENE BOTH Jerusalem (New York).

Only the lines are busy

ALTHOUGH the Israeli telephone service works reasonably well by international standards, with nation-wide dialling and facilities in most places for dialling overseas, it has shortcomings that burden the public. The numbers 14, 16 and 18 (enquiries, repair and international exchange) are perpetually engaged; 200,000 would-be subscribers figure on the waiting-list (with waiting-time four years at best); and according to a study made by the consulting firm Tel-Yaad, productivity is 30 per cent below par. The Cabinet has decided to table a bill for re-structuring the service as a State-owned company. This accords with the Likud's predilection for reducing government control of the economy — but will it improve the undertaking, correct its faults, make it run better? The chances would be more promising if the new company could be exposed to market forces under conditions of free competition. But telephones are a monopoly. Tariffs will have to be fixed by the public authority, on the basis of costs-plus. So where is the gain? There is a gain in pricing a basically commercial enterprise away from the monolithic rigidity which grips the public sector. It cannot make multi-year plans because it is limited by annual budgeting. It cannot introduce flexible wage rates because it is tied into the unwieldy labour contract negotiated by the Civil Service Commission with the Civil Servants Union. If the Cabinet orders a general freeze of personnel intake (for macro-economic reasons), the Communications Ministry is frozen with the rest. The telephone service could use a fresh start, if it makes a clean break. A specimen labour contract drawn up by Tel-Yaad offers a better wage for better output. It puts an end to restrictive practices. The van driver will no longer stand aside while his mates do the repair job; he will be part of the repair team. All the services (engineering, information, accounting) will be concentrated in one district office under one district manager — instead of the present division between departmental fiefs. The formation of a company will be worth doing if the opportunity is taken of introducing comprehensive reforms of this kind. The public should be warned not to expect miracles. The queue for phones will not disappear overnight. The government is unlikely to let expansion have free rein as long as the battle continues against inflation. The staff will not immediately get a monetary windfall. There is no cash available for that. Income has to be earned before it can be distributed. Warning should be taken from the creation under the previous administration of a quasi-independent Airports Authority. It brought no perceptible improvement, which rams home the lesson that administrative reform often yields 'the same dame under a different name.' Transforming the telephone system into a share company is not enough by itself. We must wait to see what kind of company Mr. Moda'i's Ministry establishes. Only then will it be possible to make a judgment.

AD ABOUT RUSSIAN DROPOUTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — My attention has been drawn to the letter of R. Greengard published on July 29 under the heading of 'Strange ad.' There is nothing strange about the ad. The U.S. organization named in the ad is The International League for the Repatriation of Russian Jews, Inc. and naturally, we are concerned about the 50 per cent dropout rate of Russian Jewry. As a member of the Board, I personally arranged to place the ad as no meetings of the Board were scheduled and thus, since the organization had not paid for or authorized the ad per se, I thought it improper to set forth its name. Those who wish to furnish us with information on the subject can still do so to FOE 403, Herzliya Bet, or directly to the League at 515 Church Street, New York, NY 10018. MAX N. OSEEN New York.

DUTCHBAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In his article, 'Mission impossible' (July 31), Wim van Leer draws upon provocative and highly regrettable remarks made by a tiny minority of 18-19 year old soldiers, who, after long months of tedious routine, were brought face to face with an attractive tight-jeaned young journalist, to arrive at wide-ranging conclusions about the 'impossible task' facing UNIFIL. It is even more astonishing, therefore, to find van Leer assuming that other opinions do not exist simply because he was denied the opportunity of hearing them in person. W.R. BEELAERTS South Lebanon. Wim van Leer comments: I am not 'assuming that other opinions do not exist.' On the contrary, I wrote: 'I have twice asked for permission to visit the Dutchbat in Lebanon in the confident hope of balancing Lieke Joris' selected' spokesman with the opinions of those holding more enlightened views.'

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